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TRICARE  
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Dear **[Insert rank name]**:

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, section 703, authorized early TRICARE eligibility for Reservists (and their eligible family members) who are called up to active duty in support of a contingency operation for more than 30 days. This temporary benefit is effective from November 6, 2003, through December 31, 2004, unless extended further by law. The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) has been updated to reflect your coverage from the later date of either (a) the day your delayed-effective-date orders were issued or (b) 60 days prior to the date you reported for active duty. You may verify your eligibility for this "early" TRICARE benefit through the Guard and Reserve Web portal at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/Guard-ReservePortal](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/Guard-ReservePortal). For assistance with an eligibility problem, contact your Service Point of Contact listed in the attached fact sheet and also on the TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reservepoc.cfm](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reservepoc.cfm). The fact sheet provides additional information on eligibility for this temporary TRICARE benefit and procedures for filing medical and dental claims.

To apply for reimbursement for TRICARE-covered medical services that you or your eligible family members received during this time, submit a claim to your regional TRICARE claims processor. For assistance, contact your local TRICARE Service Center or regional TRICARE Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator. You may find them by clicking on the regional map on the TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil) or by calling 888-DoD-CARE (888-363-2273). For reimbursement of covered dental services that you, the reservist, received during this time, contact the Military Medical Support Office at 888-MHS-MMSO (888-647-6676).

Sincerely,

Richard A. Mayo, RADM, MC, USN  
Deputy Director

Enclosure: